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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patents and U.S. patent publications listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are not provided, as this application was filed after June 30, 2003. A copy of any foreign patent document or "Other Document" listed on the Form 1449 is enclosed, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2).

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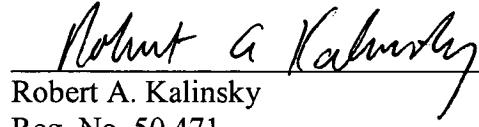
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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	2,961,725	11/29/1960	McGee			
	3,367,349	02/06/1968	O'Link			
	4,292,913	10/06/1981	Siebert et al.			
	5,331,993	07/26/1994	Billbury			
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	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		"CRESTLINER 2002" Catalog, <i>Crestliner® - A Genmar Subsidiary</i> , pages 1-44, plus 2 insert pages (©2001)
		"LUND 2002" Catalog, <i>Lund Boat Company</i> , Front Cover, pages 1-58, and Back Cover (©2001)
		"LUND 2003" Catalog, <i>Lund Boat Company</i> , Front Cover, pages 13 and 14, and Back Cover (©2002)
		"Tarps & Covers: Boat Cover Accessories - Fastener D Type Screw," <i>ShipStore.com™ a division of Westport Marina™, Inc.</i> , http://mirror.shipstore.com/ss/html/TAY/TAY100402.html , 2 pages (©1998-2002)
		"Taylor Made Product 2002 Marine Accessory Products Catalog: Boat Cover Accessories," <i>Taylor Made Group, Inc.</i> , 2 pages (Last Printed 11/04/2002)

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